



Subject: Grade 8 English: Home Language

Topic: English HL: Term 2 - Exam 1

Total: 94 Marks

1. can | homonym

4 marks

Explanation:

I **can** play soccer and I bought a **can** of coke.

This is an example of a **homonym**.

can - implies ability

homonym - a word that is spelt the same but has a different meaning.

2. mail | He was so happy to receive the mail to deliver to the tired soldiers.

3 marks

Explanation:

He was so happy to receive the **mail** to deliver to the tired soldiers.

"Mail" and "male" are homophones. They are words that sound the same but have different spellings and meanings.

3. A: You failed at something.

4 marks

Explanation:

If your plans "go up in smoke", it didn't go the way that you wanted it to.

4. true

2 marks

Explanation:

Beside the fact that Sam is smoking while cooking, he is also putting ash into the pot.

Beetle Bailey is standing dead still, tight lipped, not believing his eyes.

5. flavour

3 marks

Explanation:

The correct spelling is 'flavour'. "Flavor" is American English.

It is called an Americanism.

6. degree | place

4 marks

Explanation:

If something is ALMOST done, it shows to **what degree** it is done.

UP shows **where** we are going.



7. true 2 marks

Explanation:

The opposite for straight is curly in this context.

8. B: e 4 marks

Explanation:

Assonance is the repetition of vowel sounds in consecutive words, in this case the letter "e".

9. B: metaphor 4 marks

Explanation:

The boys head is being directly compared to something that is spinning, therefore it is a metaphor.

10. false 2 marks

Explanation:

It is a metaphor because his heart is being compared to gold.

11. Nike pointes | Nike pointes ballet shoes | Nike ballet shoes | Nike pointe shoes | Nike shoes for 3 marks
ballet dancers | Nike ballet shoes. | Nike pointe shoes.

Explanation:

It has to be **Nike pointe ballet shoes** as that is the specific product that they are trying to sell or advertise.

12. degree | manner 4 marks

Explanation:

The word 'well' can refer to in what **way** something is done and to what **degree** it is done.

13. B: feather-light 4 marks

Explanation:

The word "feather-light" describes the cake.

14. Descriptive adjective | Proper adjective 4 marks

Explanation:

"Awesome" describes the movie and is therefore a descriptive adjective.

"Asian" comes from the proper noun Asia and is therefore a proper adjective.

15. true 2 marks

Explanation:

The word "shy" describes the boy, therefore it is a descriptive adjective.

16. A pack of cards. | pack | A pack of cards

3 marks

Explanation:

Collective nouns are names given to a group of people, animals or things of the same kind.

A **bundle** of firewood.

17. but | and

4 marks

Explanation:

When working with coordinating conjunctions, remember the following acronym:

F - For

A - And

N - Nor

B - But

O - Or

Y - Yet

S - So

18. abstract noun | abstract

3 marks

Explanation:

An **abstract noun** is the name given to a quality, value or feeling.

Example: tolerance.

19. false

2 marks

Explanation:

Denotation is a word's *literal* meaning.

20. ellipses. | ellipses | ellipsis. | ellipsis

3 marks

Explanation:

An ellipsis only has three dots. It shows that an idea is incomplete.

21. , | , | .

6 marks

Explanation:

We use commas to add in extra information into a sentence and a full stop at the end of a sentence.

22. immature | imature | immature.

3 marks

Explanation:

Immature means the same as **childish**.

To be immature means that you have not developed fully and act silly.

23. C: Live

4 marks

Explanation:

Live

Viewers enjoy entertainment if the show is live meaning mistakes could happen and you can find out who wins at that time.

24. A: between jobs

4 marks

Explanation:

It is quite harsh to speak to someone about the fact that they are unemployed, therefore the euphemism *between jobs* is more appropriate.

25. dead | died | die | died. | die. | dead.

3 marks

Explanation:

We use the **euphemism** "passed away" instead of the word dead / died.

To say that someone has died could upset another person, so you would rather say that the person passed away.

26. A walk is enjoyed by the beagle.

3 marks

Explanation:

In this sentence "walk" is not a verb, it acts as a noun, as it is preceded by the article "a" and is referring to something the dog goes on.

The verb in this sentence is "enjoys", which is in the present tense.

27. false

2 marks

Explanation:

The catch phrase is: "the GP's choice". The **catch phrase** of an advert is a short and striking sentence or phrase which is memorable. It is also known as a **slogan**.

28. false

2 marks

Explanation:

Verbs are doing words, prepositions connect words.

29. mutt | mutt.

3 marks

Explanation:

A *mutt* is also known as a *mongrel* which has a negative connotation.

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